

CONFIDENTIAL

State of Oregon
Department of Environmental Quality

Memorandum

Date: January 27, 1993

To: M&B files
From: Paul Burnet
Subject: 2nd Public Information Meeting

The second public information meeting was held on January 26, Tuesday at 5:30 in the St. Johns community center. Attendance was 13, plus Jeanie Sedgely and myself. The session started with a discussion of biological cleanup options, methods (in situ, land farming, reactors), limitations, etc. There was considerable interest in bioremediation, with a general theme of "why is this not being proposed for McCormick & Baxter?" The tone of the meeting moved toward venting frustrations and anger at environmental problems, and to a lesser degree at DEQ. One question raised several times was "is the state holding itself to the same standard it would hold a company?" PGE Station L was raised as an example of a "showcase" project. The feeling was that DEQ should not do just an adequate job, but a showcase project. The comment was made that "we were surprised that the proposed cleanup plan didn't cost MORE". Another question resulting in some discussion was "what is going into the river, and how much?". I was unable to answer off the top of my head, but promised to get an answer to the questioner (I estimated "pounds per day, but with a high degree of uncertainty" - the RI states 8-9 lbs. per day, with a high degree of uncertainty). Another request was to extend the comment period to March 8. I stated I would need to check (this was agreed to the next day after conference with T. Miller & M. Wahl).

Overall tone of meeting: Some people appeared to be satisfied with the information they were receiving. One was venting frustration in many directions. Another was concerned that north Portland was not getting what it could/should in a cleanup plan. No one seemed to go away unhappy, and I promised to follow through to get information where some was requested (extension of comment period and mass loading calcs. to river).

Please Sign in

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Public Works #2

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1/26 TERRY NIEBERMEYER / PACIFIC WOODSTOCK 800 547 6952
HE OFFERED TO TAKE CONTAMINATED WATER FROM MAB FOR
TREATMENT @ THEIR PLANT - THEY USE AN "ELECTROLYTIC" UNIT
W/ POLYMER TO GET METALS, THEN RUN ORGANICS THROUGH
ANAEROBIC/AEROBIC TREATMENT. I ASKED IF THEY HAD A
TSD PERMIT; HE SAID THEY WOULD NEED TO GET THAT. HE
OFFERED TOUR OF THEIR FACILITY, ASKED QUESTIONS OF HOW WE
WE DEALING W/ OUR WATER - HE HAD HEARD WE WERE
RUNNING OUT OF STORAGE.

1/27 KAYE WINTANA / ST. JOHN'S REVIEW 226-8375. / TOLD HER
COMMENT PERIOD WAS EXTENDED TO 3/8.

1/27 PAUL ARDEN / "BETWEEN THE RIVERS" 289-9475. LEFT MESSAGE
THAT COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED TO 3/8.

1/27 [REDACTED] SHE CALLED TO SAY SHE APPRECIATED
THE EXPLANATION OF BIOLOGICAL REMEDIATION OPTIONS - SHE CALLED
THE MEETING A SUCCESS & SAID SHE REALLY APPRECIATED HAVING
THE SECOND INFO MEETING. SHE ALSO HAD QUESTIONS ON WETLAND
OPTIONS. SHE IS WORKING ON ORGANIZING A CENTRAL N. PORTLAND
ENV. ORGANIZATION, TRYING TO NEGOTIATE BETWEEN POE/ARDEN &
OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS.

1/27 [REDACTED] LEFT MESSAGE THAT ORDER OF MAGNITUDE
ESTIMATE OF ASH DISCHARGE TO RIVER WAS ~ 8-9 lbs/
DAY. SENT APPROPRIATE SECTION OF REPORT VIA J. SEDGWY.
(UNITY GROUP)

1/27 [REDACTED] HE HAD QUESTIONS ON "WHY NOT IN SITU BIO", "HOW MUCH
INTO RIVER", "ARE BEEPS STILL ACTIVE", "ARE FISH SAFE TO EAT"?